

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

September 28, 2017

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 1:31 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Vice Chairman Vedas Neal presided. Trustee Brenda Timberlake delivered the invocation.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed Trustee members Mr. Stuart Augustine, Mr. Jodie Ervin, Ms. Sherida McMullan, Dr. John McNeil and Dr. Brandon Phillips by District Court Judge Toni King.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Richard C. Adams, Stuart Augustine, Edward Dickerson, Jodie Ervin, Elliot Jackson, Sherida McMullan, John McNeil, Vedas Neal, Brandon Phillips, Donald Porter and Brenda Timberlake. Trustees Harvey Allen and Kirk deViere were not in attendance.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Ervin read the State Government Ethics Act to remind all members of the Board of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Vedas Neal and properly second by Trustee Donald Porter that the minutes of the Board meeting held June 8, 2017, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Ed Dickerson that the minutes of the Special Called meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 26, 2017, be accepted as printed. Trustee Porter seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Vedas Neal that the minutes of the Special Called meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 16, 2017, be accepted as printed. Trustee adams seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Trustee Richard Clayton Adams, Chair

Chairman Adams asked the Board to approve the Internal Audit Office Charter. Trustee Sherida McMullan made a motion to approve the Charter. Trustee Brandon Phillips seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Due to the absence of a quorum during the Audit Committee Meeting, Chairman Adams asked that the minutes of the June 8, 2017, be approved. Trustee Sherida McMullan made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Phillips seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Business and Finance – Trustee Edward Dickerson, Acting Chair

Due to the absence of a quorum during the Business and Finance Committee Meeting, Acting Chairman Dickerson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2017. Trustee Vedas Neal seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Acting Chair Dickerson also asked that the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting be approved. Trustee Elliot Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Vedas Neal seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Elliot O. Jackson provided an update of Student Government Association (SGA) activities.

During the summer, Trustee Jackson attended the Student Leadership Institute. The retreat focused on topics such as how to facilitate SGA functions, how to best function as a president, vice president, etc. Trustee Jackson said it was an awesome experience and a survey that was conducted among the many participants from all over was overwhelmingly positive and would recommend it to others.

For the convenience of the new trustees, Trustee Jackson shared the structure of Student Government. It is comprised of executive, legislative, and judicial components. SGA committees are structured much like that of the Board of Trustees—Academic Affairs, Business and Finance, Legal Affairs, and Student Affairs Committees.

The strategic initiatives of the SGA are as follows:

1. Advocating for campus safety efforts
2. Bridging gaps and maintaining relationships with student groups and administration
3. Increasing advocacy measures for all students
4. Re-cultivating the climate

What has the SGA been up to? Trustee Jackson stated that fall elections were held. He was elected president of the SGA for a second term. The SGA recently held SGA Week, highlighting professional dress. A fashion show was held in which persons modeled business formal, business casual, swag, and collegiate.

What's on the horizon for the SGA? Trustee Jackson stated that homecoming elections will be happening soon. Also, on October 8th, they will hold the March on Murchison, which is during the early voting period. Professional headshots with SAAC will be had before the Fall Career Fairs.

Trustee Edward Dickerson praised on his student report(s) and the leaps and bounds he's made as a student leader.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Ervin welcomed new members of the Board of Trustees—Ms. Sherida McMullan, Dr. Brandon Phillips, Mr. Stuart Augustine, Dr. Harvey Allen, and Dr. John McNeil. He thanked those who participated in the orientation t

On September 17, FSU was the kick-off the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Chairman Ervin attended the Fall Convocation in which Hill Harper was the guest speaker, who spoke about how he excelled in life through education. Chairman Ervin said that Mr. Harper's message was phenomenal. Later that evening, he attended the 150 Sesquicentennial Kick-Off Celebration Reception in the Rudolph Jones Student Center that was sponsored by FSU, the City of Fayetteville, and others.

Chairman Ervin thanked Trustee Kirk deViere in his absence for his contribution to the Capital Campaign in the amount of \$25,000 over a five-year period.

Board of Trustee priorities continue to be as follows:

1. \$25 million campaign
2. Increasing marketing efforts of increasing enrollment of traditional/non-traditional students
3. Strategic Plan
4. Retention Plan
5. Efficiencies and effectiveness
6. Sustainability

We secured \$5.5 million for the Health and Welfare Building. That was a proud achievement and Chairman Ervin thanked all who helped/participated in this effort.

October 21st is Homecoming. Trustee Ervin asked all that who could attend to do so and participate in the Homecoming parade.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

After six consecutive years of budget cuts, Chancellor Anderson stated that we must find new revenue streams. Research technology is the way—something we must do carefully.

On November 9th, we are going to re-enact the original signing of the deed for FSU. The date coincides with the visit from the delegation from Chinese University. As a side note, Chancellor Anderson stated that some of our international partnerships have fallen apart due in part to some political unrests. Our major partnerships are with China and India.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Donald Porter made a motion to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded and *carried*.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trustee Edward Dickerson, Interim Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominees for the following offices:

Mr. Jodie Ervin – Chair
Mrs. Vedas Neal – Vice Chair
Ms. Brenda Timberlake – Secretary

Chairman Ervin asked if there were any nominations from the floor. As there were none, Chairman Ervin asked for a motion. Trustee Donald Porter made a motion to accept the nomination as given by the Nominating Committee. Trustee Richard Adams seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Chairman Ervin thanked the Committee for their Committee for their work. He stated that he looked forward to working with the Executive Officers and the Board.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Timberlake, Secretary
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder